

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 **Claim 1** (Currently Amended): An apparatus for applying a
2 substance to a human body comprising:
3 a hearing device comprising an outer shell and at least
4 one other member, the shell being adapted to a shape of an
5 application area for said device at an individual and the
6 shell being exchangeable from said at least one other member
7 remote from said individual; and the substance being provided
8 at a surface of said ~~device~~ shell.

1 **Claim 2** (Canceled)

1 **Claim 3** (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[2]] 1
2 wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through
3 said shell and to the surface of the shell.

1 **Claim 4** (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said
2 substance is at least one of antibiotically active and an
3 antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 5** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 surface is roughened.

1 **Claim 6** (Original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the
2 substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 7** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is structured.

1 **Claim 8** (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the
2 substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 9** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a micro-structured.

1 **Claim 10** (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the
2 substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 11** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 surface is porous.

1 **Claim 12** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is disposed in pores of the surface.

1 **Claim 13** (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the
2 substance is disposed in the pores so as to be slowly
3 dispatched therefrom.

1 **Claim 14** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a gel.

1 **Claim 15** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a liquid.

1 **Claim 16** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a paste.

1 **Claim 17** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is antibiotically active.

1 **Claim 18** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is an antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 19** (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the

2 substance is a film.

1 **Claim 20** (Currently Amended) A method of applying a substance
2 to a human body comprising the steps of:

3 providing a hearing device comprising a shell and at
4 least one other member, wherein the shell is adapted to the
5 shape of an application area for the device at an individual,
6 the shell is exchangeable on said at least one other member,
7 the shell having the substance on an outer surface thereof;

8 applying the shell on the other member; ~~an outer~~
9 ~~surface of a hearing device with said substance;~~ and

10 applying said hearing device to an individual.

1 **Claim 21** (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the surface
2 is roughened, structured, or micro-structured and further
3 comprising the step of applying the substance into interstices
of the surface.

1 **Claim 22** (Canceled)

1 **Claim 23** (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[22]] 20

2 wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through
3 said shell and to the surface of the shell.

1 **Claim 24** (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein said
2 substance is at least one of antibiotically active and an
3 antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 25** (New) The method of claim 21 further comprising the
2 step of removing the shell from the other member and applying
3 a new shell on the other member.

1 **Claim 26** (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the steps of
2 removing the shell and applying the new shell are performed
3 remotely from the individual.

1 **Claim 27** (New) The method of claim 20 further comprising the
2 step of applying the substance to the outer surface of the
3 shell remotely from the individual.

1 **Claim 28** (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the step of
2 applying the shell on the other member is performed remotely

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3 from the individual.